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Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, called about an inquiry he had received from a congressional office about a recent New York Times article concerning Senate committee hearings on the subject of homosexuality in the Central Intelligence Agency. Woodruff asked if I knew anything about the article (which he was unable to identify further). I told Woodruff I knew nothing about such an article and certainly there were no such hearings. I speculated this was a gross misstatement regarding our appearance before Senator Ervin's Constitutional Rights Subcommittee on the so-called Government Bill of Rights in which there was some discussion of the use of polygraphs to identify applicants who might have homosexual tendencies. Woodruff agreed that this was probably the case and said it was not necessary to pursue the matter further as far as he was concerned.
5. Representative John O. Marsh (D., Va.) came to the Agency and spoke to the Mid-Career Course on the subject of the organization of the Congress.
6. Met with Mr. John M. Martin, Jr., Chief Counsel, House Committee on Ways and Means, and reviewed with him S. 2984, a bill to provide civil service retirement credit for periods of contract employment. Mr. Martin told me that he had had a member of the staff review the bill as amended by the Senate and learned that there is opposition to the bill in the Social Security Administration and suggested that we might want to work within our own channels and through Civil Service
to see if the objection could be resolved. In keeping with our interest he will continue assignment of the bill.
7. Met with Representative George P. Miller (D., Calif.), Chairman, House Committee on Science and Astronautics, and reviewed with him the request made by Representative James Fulton (R., Pa.) concerning a list of the place names mentioned in the briefing of 24 September. Chairman Miller thanked me for keeping him up to date. See Journal item of 5 October 1970.

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